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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims Claims 1-31.

Please add claims 32-62.

32. A peptide comprising one or more amino-acid sequences selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID No. 1,

SEQ ID No. 2,

SEQ ID No. 3, and

SEQ ID No. 4

or any antigenically related variants of said sequences which have an identity of at least 75% and are capable of immunologically mimicking the corresponding antigenic determinant site of the P5-like fimbrial protein of non-typeable *Haemophilus influenzae*, with the proviso that the antigenically related variants do not include those peptides provided in SEQ ID NO:5 or SEQ ID NO:6.